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SUBJ: MEXICAN COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER VISITS FRANCE, RUMANIA

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1. MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS MINISTER COMMUNICATITNS AND TRANSPORT, ING. EUGENIO MENDEZ DOCURRO, LEFT MARCH 31 FOR "20 DAY WORKING VISIT" TO FRANCE AND RUMANIA (MEXICO HAS JUST ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LATTER). VISIT TO FRANCE SAID IN SOME ACCOUNTS TO INCLUDE VISIT TO ELECTRONICS PLANT.

2. EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY CURIOUS ABOUT THIS VISIT, GIVEN

US \$21 MILLION RADAR ACQUISITION PROGRAM NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (WHICH DEPENDENCY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT SECRETARIAT). TWO EXISTING RADARS IN MEXICO WERE ACQUIRED FIVE YEARS AGO FROM FRENCH THOMSON- CSF; EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS GOF HAS ALREADY MADE FINANCING OFFER FOR NEW PROCUREMENT PACKAGE (REFTEL). GIVEN STRONG INTEREST US SUPPLIERS IN THIS TENDER, WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DISCREET SOUNDINGS BY EMBASSY PARIS TO DETERMINE RESULTS MENDEZ' ACTIVITIES RE
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ELECTRONICS IN FRANCE.

3. ANY INFORMATION ON HIS VISIT TO RUMANIA WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

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